

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 9, 2005

MINUTES

1. Called to order at 8:40 am by Marilyn Wilkinson.
2. Opportunity for Members of Public to Speak on Any Items Not on Today's Agenda - None
3. Approval of September 9, 2005 Minutes
 - Approval of September 9, 2005 minutes Doug Goad – , 2nd Paul Davis
MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2005 MINUTES DOUG GOAD, 2ND PAUL DAVIS
ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0
4. Distribution of October 14, 2005 Notes
5. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Brian Albright
 - I am very pleased to introduce our new Open Space Management Chief, Trish Boaz. She comes to us from the Department of Planning and Land Use and will be a great addition to our staff.
 - Our Open Space Management division consists of four main sections which are wildlife biology, land acquisitions, cultural and historical resources and the trails program.
 - The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) will be hosting a conference early to mid next year and I know that many times there are reduced rates for citizen committee members, so if any of you would like to participate let me know and I will keep you informed.
 - We had some great events in November including the Rancho Christmas at the Rancho Guajome Adobe, Grand Opening of the Finney Overlook in the Otay Valley Regional Park, and the "It's How We Live" at Sweetwater Lane Park in Spring Valley.
6. ACTION ITEMS
 - Approval of 2006 Calendar
 - ◆ Everyone was sent a schedule of possible meeting dates of either the first, second or third Friday of each month for the meeting.
MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AS THE 2006 SCHEDULE – Doug Goad, 2nd Paul Davis
ALL IN FAVOR – 9-0-0
 - Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)
 - ◆ Mike McCoy – I would move to keep things the way that they are.
MOTION TO KEEP SAME CHAIR (MARILYN WILKINSON) AND VICE CHAIR (RICK LANDAVAZO) John Degenfelder, 2nd Paul Davis
ALL IN FAVOR – 9-0-0

- Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve Resource Management Plan – Maeve Hanley
 - ◆ Jim Peugh – I would like to make note that I have a concern about a management plan that doesn't consider the butterfly and insect species.
 - ◆ Rick Landavazo – I am a little hesitant and worried about approving or endorsing a management plan that I don't understand because these are complex and scientific documents.
 - ◆ Marilyn Wilkinson – My understanding is that we are being asked to approve moving forward with the draft plan.
 - ◆ Rod Groenewold – I think that because there is so much information in a resource management plan that if we were able to now look at this in more detail and be able to vote on the item at the next meeting.
 - ◆ Doug Goad – I think that we should be able to make a motion on this item with the given presentation and the comments that have been made instead of dragging this out further and delaying the process.

MOTION TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MANGAEMENT PLAN AND INCLUDE THE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS THAT WERE MADE - Jim Peugh, 2nd Doug Goad
ALL IN FAVOR – 9-0-0

- TJRV Trails and Habitat Project – Maeve Hanley
 - ◆ Showed PowerPoint presentation of the TJRV Trails and Habitat project.
- MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT – Doug Goad, 2nd Rick Landavazo
ALL IN FAVOR – 9-0-0

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- PLDO and CSA Fund Balance Reports – Eric Wong
 - ◆ Distributed handouts of the current PLDO and CSA fund balances.
- Healthy Initiatives – Brian Albright
 - ◆ Healthy Initiatives has been identified by the Board of Supervisors as a top priority for 2006, especially focusing on kids.
 - ◆ We are trying to bring all of the various agencies and groups that participate in these types of efforts and putting everyone under one umbrella to be able to work together and report results together.
 - Marilyn Wilkinson – This is a great thing and we have a Spring Valley Coalition, which is a large group of various agencies that gets together every month or so and try to work together and achieve a common goal.
 - Jim Peugh – I think that this is a wonderful implementation and yet could be a scary time for the department until we figure out how we can work together and run efficiently.
 - ◆ I think that this is great timing for this type of initiative and we haven't worked with the Health and Human Agency as much as we should have before, so this is a great stepping stone to make this connection.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- ◆ John Degenfelder - There is a park along San Vicente Creek in Ramon and Supervisor Jacob is going to bring forward to the other supervisors to make it a new County park. Also, could we get an update on Barnett Ranch and where we are with this area.

- ♦ Paul Davis – I attended the Rancho Guajome Adobe's Rancho Christmas and it was a wonderful event. There were also a lot of vendors at the event selling crafts and food and we had a great time.
- ♦ Mike McCoy – Would it be possible to have at a future meeting something where we could visually see the corridors and the areas that we still need to acquire land and try to find willing sellers to protect the areas.
 - Every year a map is prepared for the MSCP Annual Report which shows all of the open space preserved within the MSCP to date. DPLU GIS is in the process of gathering the data and preparing the map at this time.
- ♦ Rick Landavazo – Can you give us an update on Rancho Guejito?
 - There are ongoing negotiations with the property owner regarding whether or not it will be an amendment area to the North County MSCP Plan.
- ♦ Paul Davis – does the County ever exchange or swap property?
 - We get requests a lot for things like this, but it is a very difficult to exchange property.
- ♦ Jim Peugh – There was a piece of property in Bonita that was going to be a Costco, what has happened with that?
 - The County has made requirements to National City in order to buy back this easement, which include purchase of the property as well as mitigation land for the parcel.
- ♦ Doug Goad – We have a lot of “Friends” groups for various areas around the County and I think that we should really try to utilize these groups to our advantage to help find and support these areas.
- ♦ Jim Peugh - At the Tijuana River Valley public meeting they showed that some of the trails end because of the fence, can we hear more about this?
- ♦ Marilyn Wilkinson – I attended the “It's How We Live” event at Sweetwater Lane and there was over 40 different vendors there all with healthy choices and giveaways and there was almost 500 people that came to the event.
- ♦ Marilyn Wilkinson – There is a piece of property in Spring Valley that we are currently trying to acquire for parkland.
- ♦ Jim Peugh – The City of San Diego wouldn't build a bridge in the area to fix the river, but instead replaced the inadequate set-up that was already there. The Town and Country hotel, which actually owns most of the land on both sides of the river has now bulldozed about 600 feet along the river, knocking down trees and bringing in dirt in from other areas and filling in parts of the flood plain. We are trying to fight it at this time.
- ♦ Paul Davis – There are some CERT disaster trainings that are going to be held in San Diego and it just really helps give you tips on how to prepare and what to do before an emergency happens to be able to survive.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am by Marilyn Wilkinson.

ATTENDEES:

Mike McCoy, District 1
 Marilyn Wilkinson, District 2
 John Degenfelder, District 2
 Doug Goad, District 3
 Paul Davis, District 3
 Roger Utt, District 4

Jim Peugh, District 4
Rick Landavazo, District 5
Rod Groenewold, District 5
Brian Albright, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Trish Boaz, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Maeve Hanley, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Mike McFedries, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Sabrina Hicks, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation